

BY AUTHORITY.



Foreign Office Notice.

On Thursday, 25th inst., at noon, His Majesty the King received in Audience at Iolani Palace, Captain S. Aridji and the Officers of H. I. J. M. S. "Tsukuba."

Captain Aridji was met at the entrance of the Palace by the Vice-Chamberlain, and by him received (in the unavoidable absence of His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs), and was escorted to the Audience Hall and presented to His Majesty.

Captain Aridji presented to His Majesty the following Officers of the "Tsukuba": Commander A. Ami, Gunner-Lieutenant S. Arima, First-Lieutenant N. Uyemura, Lieutenants N. Iida, Y. Matsumura and C. Mukoyama, Navigating-Lieutenant H. Takasugi, Superintendent Physician Doctor C. Aoki, Chief Engineer T. Yoshida, and Paymaster C. Yoshida.

His Majesty was attended on this occasion by Major Edward W. Purvis, Vice-Chamberlain, and Colonel James H. Boyd.

His Excellency Walter M. Gibson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, was present at the close of the reception.

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On Tuesday, 22nd inst., at noon, His Majesty the King received in audience at Iolani Palace, H. W. Schmidt, Esq., Acting-Consul for Sweden and Norway.

Mr. Schmidt was received by Major E. W. Purvis, Vice-Chamberlain, and (in the unavoidable absence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs) was presented by him to His Majesty.

Mr. Schmidt then presented to His Majesty an autograph letter from His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway, of which the following is a translation:—

We, Oscar II., by the Grace of God King of Sweden and Norway, of the Goths and the Wends, to Kalakaua, King of Hawaii, Our friendly greeting:—

Dear and Good Friend,—It is with lively satisfaction that we announce to You that the well-beloved spouse of Our very dear Son the Prince Royal of Sweden and Norway, Her Royal Highness Madame Sophia Mary Victoria, Princess Royal of Sweden and Norway, nee Princess of Baden, was happily delivered on the 17th of last month, at Tullgarn, of a Prince, who has received at the baptismal font the name of Charles William Louis, and to whom we have given the title of Duke of Sudermania. The feeling of friendship which You have always displayed towards Us and towards Our Royal Family, gives Us the assurance that You will sympathize with the joy which this happy event has occasioned Us. On Your part we pray that You will believe in the sincerity of the wishes we entertain for Your prosperity and for that of Your Royal House. Above all, we pray God that He may have You in His High and Holy Keeping.

Given at the Castle of Tullgarn, 19th July, 1884.

Your Good Friend,
(Signed) OSCAR.

Countersigned) HODSCHILLD.

His Majesty was attended on this occasion by Major E. W. Purvis, Vice-Chamberlain.

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THE PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER.

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QUOS DEUS VULT PERDERE PRIUS DEMENTAT.

If the editors of the other foreign newspapers published here and those who "inspire" and "suggest" their articles will persist in attributing to Ministers whatever the P. C. ADVERTISER says on politics and policy and local affairs, they must lay it to their account that they will frequently find themselves properly and justly befuddled. They have been off the scent three times within a week. As to the coinage question another article in this issue offers them food for reflection. As to immigration matters the ADVERTISER only gave expression to what others have been talking about as the inevitable course of the Government. On the fertile subject of Boards, the views of which in a recent article were formed by the writer and expressed in regard to a similar case in another land long years before he troubled his head about Hawaiian politics, and are diametrically opposed to those of His Majesty's present Ministers.

If these men think that no white man supports the Government and the views of the "National party" from conscientious conviction, it is, as we have long ago told them, that they make so much noise and sputter about their own ideas that they cannot hear what is going on around them. Moreover, if they think because we give a general support to the Government that we have no opinions of our own, or are afraid to express them, then all we have to say is that, on the principle that men usually judge other people by them-

selves, they themselves must be a mean lot all round. They do not think so; at least that is our opinion. We leave them on the horns of the dilemma—Do they publish what they do not believe, or do they, because they are mean men themselves, think all others are of the same mould?

CHANGE YOUR SILVER COINS.

We cannot avoid a little apprehension lest the perversity with which our contemporaries and a certain section of the public put down everything that is said in these columns as the utterances of Mr. Gibson may have led some persons to neglect the exchanging of their foreign silver coins for Hawaiian, from the idea that Ministers intended to extend the time for such exchange. The origin of our recent articles was exactly the opposite of that which some people have chosen to attribute them to. It is because the Government has no intention of interfering with the operation of the Currency Act that we urged the business men of Honolulu to press them to extend the time for exchanging silver coins at the Treasury, or to appoint certain days in November for that purpose. We took some pains in the matter, and the second of our articles with its full statistics and unanswerable argument was carefully prepared for this journal by one of Honolulu's most respected citizens, whose contributions to newspapers have been known and valued here for a generation past. The public, however, appears to be indifferent on the matter, and we have no more to say except to remind those who have any of the foreign coins which the Order in Council made legal tender here under the Act of 1876, that to-day is the last day on which they will be exchanged for Hawaiian silver at the Treasury.

Our business men will probably find themselves left with considerable sums in foreign silver on their hands at the close of November. The following silver coins are legal tender throughout the kingdom until the last day of that month, viz: (1) as dollars, French 5 franc pieces, Mexican dollars of old die, Belgian 5 franc pieces, Italian 5 lire pieces, and (2) as quarter dollars, English shillings, Spanish quarter dollars, Mexican quarter dollars, Peruvian quarter dollars. These cannot be legally refused by any one as payment of sums not exceeding fifty dollars, or of the legal proportion of large debts for the next two months. The natural result of this will be that the very considerable quantity of this sort of silver which (as we have every reason to believe) is still hoarded, or circulating on the other islands, will steadily drift down to the tradespeople of Honolulu who are placed in the annoying position of being unable to refuse it for debts already owing to them (and can only avoid loss on current sales by having two prices for their goods—one for silver, and the other for gold), although they know that they must make a considerable loss on them.

THE HON. J. NAWAHI.

On the 28th of last July the Hon. Joseph Nawahi, Representative of the district of Hilo, accused us of making an unjust claim, to wit, three years' subscription to the PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER. The Hon. gentleman further asserted that he had a receipt for the amount claimed, but at that particular time it was at Hilo. Having returned to his home and received the congratulations of his constituents for not ousting the Ministry, he instituted a diligent search for the missing document. He failed to find it, when a sudden thought occurred to the hon. gentleman that it might have been in a pocket book which he lost "some time before." Overcome with a sense of honor, however, he hastened to the Hilo post-office, purchased an order in our favor for \$17.50 and duly remitted same accompanied by a letter of apology, which was received by us on Saturday, Mr. Nawahi has our thanks for the order, which was cashed on representation.

RUMORS.

The town was rife with rumors yesterday of changes in the personnel of the Civil Service. In our local columns will be found statements as to the actual changes made or ar-

ranged for. A member of the ADVERTISER staff interviewed one of the Ministers yesterday as to one of the rumors persistently circulated about a change in the administration of the Post Office, and was replied to by an expression of annoyance and regret that a gentleman of Hon. Mr. Whitney's stamp and standing should have been vexed by any such utterly unfounded statements. Most of the other rumors which have been circulated are equally groundless with that just referred to.

GARBAGE.

In all cities, it is the aim of the authorities to claim for themselves that their main study is the health of the people. Honolulu is no exception to the rule, and the indefatigable agent of the Board of Health, Captain John H. Brown, endeavors to meet the public wants. The arrangements for the complete scavenging of this city are, however, very limited, and, as a natural consequence, the suburbs are neglected. Persons living beyond Punchbowl street on the west, and Liliha street on the east should bear in mind that the carts which gather up garbage do not go beyond those limits. This ought to be borne in mind, and instead of dumping heaps of rubbish in the back streets and alleyways, there to rot, and on the first rainfall create a cause for an epidemic, householders should adopt means to avoid any such contingency. It is unnecessary for us to point out the ways and means of avoiding the nuisance referred to, but it is to be hoped that transgressors will take due warning hereby.

From New Zealand we learn that New South Wales has finally given notice of withdrawal from the San Francisco Mail Service. This move cannot be said to have been unexpected. We are glad, however, to hear that the New Zealand Government is believed to be in favor of keeping up the service notwithstanding this withdrawal of support from the sister colony. Members of the late government had expressed themselves to that effect and although the new administration have made no official statement of their opinion they are believed to be of like mind. The Auckland Chamber of Commerce has taken the initiative in urging this course on the Government, and in resolutions recently passed proposes that the service should be kept up at sole cost of the Colony along with a monthly service by direct steamers to London. Commenting on this action the *New Zealand Herald* says: "The motion setting forth the advantages to the colony of maintaining the San Francisco mail service and the necessity of utilizing the direct steam companies for securing another regular monthly mail, instead of having our letters transmitted by Suez, as at present, was quite in accordance with the views advocated in our issue of the 11th instant. It is gratifying to find that Messrs. Nathan & Firth regarding the retirement of New South Wales from the contract for the California service as likely to prove an advantage to New Zealand. When so influential a body as the Auckland Chamber of Commerce unanimously records its approbation of a plan which will give the colony the entire control of the arrangements for the conveyance of its mails to and from the United Kingdom, it cannot be doubted that a strong inducement will thereby be presented to the Legislature to consider it favorably, and carry it into effect with as little delay as possible. The alternating a monthly mail dispatch by the direct steam companies' vessels with one via San Francisco has always appeared to us the best solution of the difficulties created by the action of the London postal authorities. The colony would thus enjoy the advantage of having a regular fortnightly mail both ways. We think there can be little doubt of the Government and the Parliament resolving to act on the decision which the Chamber of Commerce has so wisely adopted."

It has been mooted in New Zealand that if the Pacific service is to be continued as the sole enterprise of that colony the mail steamers should be made to call at the Fijis and at the Navigator Islands en route. Such a change would be of commercial advantage to New Zealand and possibly

to this port also. It will render the trans-Pacific route doubly interesting to the tourist and no doubt render it very attractive to all classes of passengers.

THE *Anglican Church Chronicle* says Her Majesty has conferred the Provostship of Eton College, vacant by the death of the Rev. Dr. Godfrey? (Dr. Charles O. Goodford) upon the Rev. Dr. Hornby? (Hornby) Headmaster.

WILL IT WORK?

Below we print a communication advocating the establishment of a paid fire company instead of the present organization. The opinion advanced is one worthy of consideration, especially as we understand that it is shared by some prominent members of the department. For our own part, we are not prepared, without further examination into the facts of the case, to say that the time has come for substituting here the services of hired men for those of the enthusiastic and well trained volunteers who undertake the defence of the city against fire. Such substitutions occur everywhere as towns grow in size and importance, and we can from personal knowledge confirm the statement that paid fire companies if properly officered and equipped are more efficient than the best volunteer organization that was ever formed. Our doubt is not on this point, but mainly whether the time has come for such a change, and whether we should not be taking the risk of having a comparatively inefficient paid body in place of the fine body of volunteers whose capabilities we all know and admire. We commend the matter to the consideration of those who are most intimately acquainted with the working of the Fire Department and the needs of the city.

A PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT.
[COMMUNICATED.]

It has been said that the city of Honolulu has grown to such a size as to fairly warrant its being placed under municipal control; that no Minister of the Interior, no matter how energetic or painstaking, can possibly attend to the management of the affairs of the city and of the country at large at the same time; that there are many things, such as lighting, paving, the construction of side walks, drainage, etc., to meet the expense of which a special tax should be levied.

This question of a city government is not a new one, it having been discussed for some years, and there is much to be said for and against it; but, upon the whole, there seems to be more in favor of the scheme than there is opposed to it. Without going into the merits of the question at this time, I propose to present a few reasons why the city should take at least one step towards governing itself by inaugurating a paid fire department.

At the present time Honolulu can boast of as good apparatus for extinguishing fire as any city of its size. Last Saturday at the usual weekly drill of the companies the new steam fire engine lately put in charge of Company No. 2 again proved itself to be a very efficient machine, supplying, as it did, two good streams at once. Chief Nott informs me that there is a sufficiency of new hose and other apparatus on hand to fully supply all needs, and everything connected with the mechanical equipment of the department is in good order.

There are borne on the roll of the department the names of something more than 420 active members, amongst whom are found a certain number of men always on hand when a drill is ordered, and a certain other number who join them on parades. The rest either live too far out of town, or are too well along in years to run to fires, though they still cherish a kindly feeling for Auld Lang Syne, and keep themselves in good standing in their respective companies.

But, in a community like this, the real efficiency of a fire department does not depend upon members. In fact, the old adage, "Too many cooks spoil the broth," is sometimes well illustrated at fires. The "Chief" naturally wants to have the sole control of the men and machines under his charge; but it is no uncommon

thing to see his orders contradicted or annulled by those of the well-meaning, but too officious, civil officers, ex-chiefs, foremen, property owners and insurance agents, all of whom feel a burning desire to make themselves useful. The result is that generally a good deal of property is destroyed by delays in getting water on the flames, or else the streams are directed to the wrong place.

A well drilled, active force of a dozen men, whose sole business it would be to get a steam fire engine to where it was needed in the shortest possible time, aided in so doing by one team of equally well drilled horses (standing ready night and day) would be more effective than our whole present force. This is not said with any desire to disparage the efforts of the volunteers who now make up the strength of our fire department, but simply as a statement of the results of experience wherever it has been tried. It may be argued that a paid department would be expensive as compared with the present system. I do not think so; and in a future article I propose to give the figures to prove that, upon the whole, it would be more economical as well as more efficient. X

An article was inserted in last Tuesday's PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER without the knowledge of the responsible editor of the paper, which reflects in a most unjustifiable manner upon the way in which the members of the Civil Service fulfill their duties, and by implication—especially upon two gentlemen named therein. We have to express our great regret that such an article should have appeared in our columns, and desire to apologise for it to those whose feelings it is calculated to hurt.

THE *San Francisco Abend Post* has an editorial notice of the Attorney-General, which we translate, as it is a pleasant compliment to that gentleman. The paper in question says: "Paul Neumann, who, as is well known, holds the position of Attorney-General in the Cabinet of King Kalakaua, has returned here after a prolonged absence. He is neither altered in his nature nor in his outward appearance, and yesterday he was heartily welcomed by his endless friends with the most sincere gratification. He will only remain a short time here, and then depart on a business mission to Mexico. On his return to Honolulu, he will spend about a week here."

The Hawaiian Hotel Stables.

A few years ago it was deemed advisable to remove the stables from the precincts of the hotel, and at that time, there being no available lot in the vicinity of the hotel, the stables were abolished. Lately, however, the lot on the Makai side of Hotel street was offered to be leased and Mr. Clarence Macfarlane seized the opportunity of securing this eligible site for hotel stables. At the corner of Richard and Hotel streets Mr. Macfarlane has recently erected large and commodious stabling accommodation. There are stalls for 25 horses and ample room for an equal number of carriages. The building is a structure of modern style, and in addition to being a useful adjunct to the hotel, it is also an ornament to the city. The latest improvements have been introduced in the building for the comfort of the horses, and the best grooms are employed to look after their welfare. Mr. Macfarlane has arranged to have hacks on hire at all hours, day and night, and furthermore he has secured the services of the most reliable drivers in town. The guests of the hotel and the public in general will find at all times by ringing up Telephone, No. 32, they can secure the services of a comfortable carriage, a good horse and a civil driver. Furthermore, stabling for horses, or as it is usually termed in this city, board, can be had for thoroughbreds or their descendants, by the day or month.

Miss Cleghorn's Portrait.

The latest work of Mr. Charles Furneaux is an exquisite picture of Miss Annie Cleghorn. The likeness is perfect and the picture stands out in the way that is known to artists as stereoscopic. The rich fair tint of Miss Cleghorn's complexion are done ample justice to, while the wavy black hair is most perfectly portrayed. Nestling around a white frill encircling the neck are a bunch of chrysanthemums, which test the richness of the texture of the skin by harmonizing with it most perfectly. The light gauzy dress fades into a *chiaro oscuro* the artist's own idea and leaves the masterpiece complete. In years to come when perhaps the fair subject of the painting will find a grey hair or two in her dark tresses this souvenir of her youth so true and faithful will be a precious family treasure. The picture can be seen at the store of J. Williams & Co.